

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Applicants propose to amend claims 1 and 11, and further propose to cancel claims 7 and 17 due to their incorporation into independent claims 1 and 11, respectively. No further claims have been added. Upon entry by the Examiner, this listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer system configured to implement a method, said computer system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory for storing computer readable instructions that, when executed by said processor, cause the computer to perform the steps of:

receiving a set of data corresponding to a set of predetermined variables;

determining a total cost estimate of one or more products using the set of data corresponding to the set of predetermined variables, and wherein the total cost estimate is based on determining a total material cost for one or more products;

determining a difference in cost between products, and generating a cost differential report according to the estimated total cost for each product; and

displaying the report, wherein the step of displaying the report further comprises generating a graphical representation of costs and savings for each product.

2. (Original) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a set of data corresponding to a set of predetermined variables further comprises:

receiving the set of data from the user through portions of a user interface
configurable for user input.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Original) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the step of determining a total cost estimate of one or more products using the set of data corresponding to the set of predetermined variables further comprises: determining a total hidden cost value for one or more products.

5. (Original) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the step of determining a difference in cost and generating a cost differential report according to the estimated total cost for each product further comprises: determining the percentage cost differential between each pair of products.

6. (Original) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the step of determining a difference in cost and generating a cost differential report according to the estimated total cost for each product further comprises: determining the difference in total cost between each pair of products.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the step of displaying the report further comprises: generating a textual or numerical summary or report detailing cost differentials for each product.

9. (Original) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the step of displaying the report further comprises: prompting the user with an option to purchase the product.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the step of displaying the report further comprises: displaying sales contact information.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of calculating and comparing costs and savings for one or more products, the method comprising:

receiving a set of data corresponding to a set of predetermined variables;

determining a total cost estimate of one or more products using the set of data corresponding to the set of predetermined variables, wherein the total cost estimate is based on determining a total material cost for one or more products;

determining a difference in cost between products and generating a cost differential report according to the estimated total cost for each product; and

displaying a cost savings calculations on a graphical display, wherein displaying comprises generating a graphical representation of costs and savings for each product.

12. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the computer-executable instructions for performing the step of receiving from a user a set of data corresponding to a set of predetermined variables further comprises: receiving the set of data from the user through portions of the user interface configured to receive user input.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the computer-executable instructions for performing the step of determining a total cost estimate of one or more products using the set of data corresponding to the set of predetermined variables further comprises: determining a total hidden cost value for one or more products.

15. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the computer-executable instructions for performing the step of determining a difference in cost and generating a cost differential report according to the estimated total cost for each product further comprises: determining the percentage difference between the costs of each pair of products.

16. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the computer-executable instructions for performing the step of determining a difference in cost and generating a cost differential report according to the estimated total cost for

each product further comprises: determining the difference in total cost between each pair of products.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the computer-executable instructions for performing the step of displaying the cost and savings calculations further comprises: generating a textual or numerical summary or report detailing all costs and savings for each product.

19. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the computer-executable instructions for performing the step of displaying the cost and savings calculations further comprises: prompting the user with an option to purchase the product.

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the computer-executable instructions for performing the step of displaying the cost and savings calculations further comprises: displaying sales contact information.

21. (Original) A graphical user interface for a computer system, comprising:
a first display portion configured to accept user input relating to a bulk material product and a corresponding monetary value;

a second display portion configured to accept user input relating to other cost data associated with the material product; and

a third display portion configured to display graphical objects associated with generating a cost differential report associated with the material product and another predetermined bulk product.